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## LATINO CAUCUS SPEAKER SERIES TAKES ON CALIFORNIA LATINO POLITICS

### WITH AWARD-WINNING HISTORIAN KENNETH BURT

#### Exploring the Evolving Latino Voice and Vote

(Sacramento) - Sen. Gilbert Cedillo, Vice Chair of the Latino Caucus, joined his peers in welcoming author Kenneth Burt to the caucus' 2008 Annual Speaker Series. Burt discussed his new book, *The Search for a Civic Voice: California Latino Politics* with caucus members, invited policy and community guests and members of the media. "Quote from Ken here."

*The Search for a Civic Voice* explores the role of labor and coalition politics in the growth of Latino power in California. Burt discusses historical firsts in Latino politics - the first appointed judges, legislators, councilmembers - outlawing school segregation, obtaining pensions for all workers, and organizing Latino farmworkers.

Kenneth is the political director of the California Federation of Teachers (CFT), a policy advocate, author, and award-winning historian. He draws his perspective from policy experience at the state and national levels,

having worked in the nation's capitol with Congressman Robert T. Matsui and in Sacramento with Assembly Speaker Willie Brown and Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi. Burt serves on a number of boards, most notably the Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Public Policy Institute and is one of the original members of the California Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

"I'm very proud the caucus in partnership with Comcast is able to bring together the policy experts, authors, and thought leaders in our state to share their insights on Latino politics and issues important to the community," said Cedillo. "Having access to Kenneth Burt and other speakers is an invaluable resource."

The California Legislative Latino Caucus in partnership with Comcast present the Speakers Series addressing key issues facing California as an informational and educational forum for community leaders, policymakers, legislative staff and the media.

"Working together with the California Latino Caucus, we are able to bring attention, solutions, tools and resources to allow Californians to engage in important issues," stated Karen Munro, California Regional Vice President of Government Affairs.

Today's event will be available starting April 2008 on Comcast On Demand. For more information about Comcast On Demand call (800) COMCAST.